

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

No. 1:19-cr-592-WJ-1

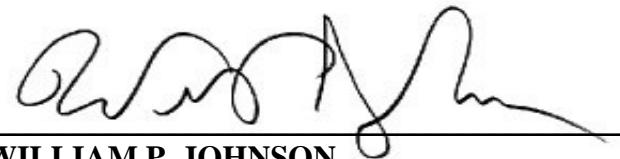
RICK BENAVIDEZ,

Defendant.

ORDER STRIKING DEFENDANT'S FILINGS

THIS MATTER is before the Court sua sponte. Since December 6, 2019, despite being represented by counsel, Defendant has personally filed 20 nonsensical documents with the Court. *See* Docs. 63, 64, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 85, and 86. “District courts have discretion over whether to allow hybrid representation.” *United States v. Couch*, 758 F. App’x 654, 656 (10th Cir. 2018). This Court, like the District Court in *Couch*, does not allow hybrid representation. *Id.* (“You either represent yourself or you’re represented by counsel.”). Defendant is represented by counsel, so the Court will only consider filings from Defendant’s counsel, except in the event Defendant requests a change in counsel or to proceed pro se.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Docs. 63, 64, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 85, and 86 are **STRICKEN**.



WILLIAM P. JOHNSON
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE